

IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PRESENT: Supervisors

Seventh day of April, 2015

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2015
AS "SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS MONTH"**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

Whereas, thousands of San Luis Obispo County residents and visitors are directly harmed by crime each year, and each crime affects many more family members, friends, neighbors and coworkers; and

Whereas, crime can leave a lasting physical, emotional and financial impact on people of all ages and abilities, and of all economic, racial and social backgrounds; and

Whereas, individual victims and survivors are still challenged by fears of being blamed for what happened to them; by concerns for their personal safety and security; and by a desire to hold offenders accountable for the harm they caused; and

Whereas, the victim assistance community faces challenges to reach and serve all victims, including victims of newer crimes like human trafficking and terrorism; and

Whereas, since 1977, crime victims in San Luis Obispo County have benefitted from local government and community-based victim service agencies that work in partnership to protect and promote the rights of crime victims and to provide a host of crisis and support services to help crime victims rebuild their lives; and

Whereas, the District Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Center serves all types of crime victims and works in partnership with the Women's Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo, RISE, and the County's Social Services and Probation Departments; and

Whereas, San Luis Obispo County is joining forces with victim services programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout San Luis Obispo County and the United States to observe the National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 19 - April 25, 2015, emphasizing the role of the entire community, individually and collectively, as we support victims of crime and empower them to direct their own recovery; and

Whereas, San Luis Obispo County joins the state in recognizing Crime Victims' Rights Month and, by this action, seizes the opportunity to celebrate the energy, creativity, and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for all crime victims;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, as follows: That the County proclaims the month of April 2015 as "San Luis Obispo County Crime Victims' Rights Month," reaffirming our commitment to create opportunities to enforce victims' rights and to recognize those crime victims who have transformed their personal tragedy into a motivating force to both improve our county response to crime victims and to build a more just community.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____

Deputy Clerk

